

Serial No. 09/741,195

Attorney Docket No. 040373/0300

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

This supplemental amendment and reply is being filed in order to properly show the changes made to claims 1, 6, 11 and 18.

Claims 29-32 were cancelled in the amendment and reply filed on November 4, 2003..

Claims 1, 6, 11 and 18 are currently being amended.

No claims are being added.

This amendment amends claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-16, 18-23 and 25-28 are now pending in this application.

Applicant appreciates the indication in the Office Action that claims 29-32 contain allowable subject matter. By way of this amendment and reply, the features of claims 29-32 have been incorporated into independent claims 1, 6, 11 and 18, respectively, and therefore independent claims 1, 6, 11 and 18 are in condition for allowance.

As to other comments, please refer to the amendment and reply filed on November 4, 2003.

Accordingly, Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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